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SUBJECT: W/W: BERDA JOHNSON

REF: (A) 77 STATE 219323 (B) 77 GEORGETOWN 2265

TO: MRS. FRANCES P. BAXTER
5830 GREEN VALLEY CIRCLE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA 90230
TELEPHONE NO. 213-776-6158

1. OUR CONSUL HAD PERSONAL PRIVATE CONTACT WITH YOUR MOTHER, MRS. BERDA JOHNSON ON JAN. 11, 1978 AT THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE AGRICULTURAL MISSION. HE IDENTIFIED HER THROUGH HER PASSPORT. YOUR MOTHER APPEARED TO BE HEALTHY AND CONTENT. THE CONSUL GAVE HER YOUR LETTER AND HER MONTHLY SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK. MRS. JOHNSON TOLD THE CONSUL THAT SHE WAS ENJOYING HER STAY. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF HER SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS YOUR MOTHER ANSWERED THAT SHE RECEIVES HER MONTHLY CHECKS AND ARRANGES TO HAVE THEM CASHED AT THE NEARBY COMMUNITY OF PORT KAITUMA. SHE IS THEN GIVEN THE CASH WHICH SHE IN TURN THEN GIVES AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT TO THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE AS A DONATION. SHE VERY EMPHATICALLY DENIED THAT SHE IS PRESSURED TO GIVE HER ENTIRE PENSION TO THE CHURCH. MRS. JOHNSON INDICATED THAT SHE IS UNCERTAIN
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WHEN SHE WILL RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. SHE SAID THAT YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT HER ANYTIME YOU WISH. I HOPE THE ABOVE INFORMATION CLARIFIES YOUR MOTHER'S PRESENT THOUGHTS AND DESIRES. PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES.
AMERICAN EMBASSY
GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

2. PRIVACY ACT AUTHORIZATION GIVEN ORALLY BY MRS.JOHNSON
FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PASS INFORMATION TO HER DAUGHTER.
BURKE

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